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DRILLING FLUIDS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2003, Applicant requests the following:

PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF GROUP I:

Applicant requests that the Examiner conduct the examination of the above referenced application based on Group I which includes claims 1-5 and 22-24 which are generally drawn to a method of electrically logging.

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the Examiner will not incur an undue burden, which is one of the two requirements for supporting a restriction requirement as noted in the Manual for Patent Examining Procedure § 803. It is respectfully submitted that during the searching of the prior art for the limitations recited in the claims of the



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provisionally elected Group I, the Examiner will necessarily to search the classes that include the other Groups. Further, it is submitted that during the course of that search, the Examiner will by necessity search and consider these limitations and in doing so will necessarily search the art in the classes and subclasses of the other Groups. Therefore, the Examiner will not be subjected to multiple searches and thus the current situation does not constitute an undue burden for the Examiner. In view of the above arguments, Applicant requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn, and all the claims be examined together on the merits.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 11836.0582.CPUS02.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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